

SAINIK SCHOOL GOPALGANJ
SUB: SOCIAL SCIENCE
CLASS-VIII

OUR PASTS-III

Lesson 2 : From Trade to Territory

(The Company Establishes Power)

I: Multiple Choice Questions: From Serial 1 to 20 are multiple choice questions. Given below are four options against each question. Choose the option as your answer which you consider the most appropriate:

1. What was/were required by the British army to fight Burma, Afghanistan and Egypt?

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| (a) Matchlocks | (b) Muskets |
| (c) Both (a) and (b) | (d) None of these |

2. After which war two sons of Tipu Sultan were taken as hostages?

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| (a) First Anglo Mysore War | (b) Second Anglo Mysore War |
| (c) Third Anglo Mysore War | (d) None of these |

3. The Maratha chiefs were held together in a confederacy under the Peshwa. Who were the members?

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| (a) Scindia | (b) Holkar |
| (c) Bhonsle and Gaikwad | (d) All of these |

4. With whom did the British fought the Battle of Plassey?

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| (a) Mir Jafar | (b) Mir Qasim |
| (c) Shah Alam II | (d) Siraj-ud-Daulah |

5. Where was the first English factory set up in 1651?

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| (a) On the banks of river Hugli | (b) On the banks of river Ganga |
| (c) On the banks of river Tapi | (d) On the banks of river Narmada |

6. When did the British East India Company acquire the charter from Queen Elizabeth I to trade with the East?

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| (a) 1650 | (b) 1651 |
| (c) 1600 | (d) 1601 |

7. What was the main result of the Battle of Plassey?

- (a) Mir Jafar occupied the throne?
- (b) Clive was felicitated
- (c) Company's supremacy over Bengal
- (d) Praise of Siraj-ud-Daula's courage

8. The significance of the Battle of Buxar was

- (a) British Supremacy
- (b) Mir Jafar became the nawab
- (c) Fine on Awadh
- (d) Mughal Empire was influenced

9. The term 'Dustak' implies

- (a) Free pass or duty-free trade
- (b) A riot
- (c) A port near hooghly
- (d) Market place

10. In 18th century the economy of which province was controlled by Jagat Seth?

- (a) Bengal
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Rajasthan
- (d) Odisha

11. Siraj-ud-Daula lost his masnad because

- (a) He had a weak army
- (b) His religious policy
- (c) Grave economic crisis
- (d) Internal conspiracy and treachery

12. The capital of independent state of Bengal was

- (a) Dacca
- (b) Murshidabad
- (c) Alinagar
- (d) Midnapur

13. Which one of the following were parties to the 'Treaty of Allahabad'(1765)?

- (a) Robert Clive, Mir Jafar, Balwant Singh
- (b) Robert Clive, Najmuddaulah, Shujauddaulah
- (c) Mir Qasim, Robert Clive, Sirajuddaulah
- (d) Shah Alam, Robert Clive, Shujauddaulah

14. Under Regulating Act of 1773, a Supreme Court and a Court of appeal (Sadar Nizamat Adalat) was set up at

- (a) Bombay
- (b) Madras

(c) Calcutta

(d) Delhi

15. A Code of Muslim Laws was Compiled by

(a) 1775

(b) 1776

(c) 1777

(d) 1778

16. Who is regarded as the “Tiger of Mysore”

(a) Haidar Ali

(b) Tipu Sultan

(c) Rayanna

(d) Veer Surendra Rai

17. What do you mean by ‘farman’?

(a) A jurist of a Muslim community

(b) A royal edict

(c) Free pass or duty-free trade

(d) A trial by the court of law

18. Name the commander of Sirajuddaulah who helped the Britishers.

(a) Robert Clive

(b) Alivardi Khan

(c) Mir Qasim

(d) Mir Jafar

19. The first traders to come to India were

(a) Portuguese

(b) Dutch

(c) British

(d) French

20. The criminal courts were under -----but under the supervision of the collectors. Fill in the blank with a suitable word from the following options.

(a) Qazi

(b) Pandit

(d) Tehsildar

(d) None of these.

II: **Short Answer Type Questions:** Question no 21 to 25 are short answer type questions. Answer these questions in about 80 words each.

21. What attracted European trading companies to India?

22. What were the areas of conflict between the Bengal nawabs and the East India company?

23. How did the assumption of Diwani benefit the East India Company?

24. Explain the system of “subsidiary alliance”.

25. What was “Doctrine of Lapse”? Explain.

III: **Long Answer Type Questions:** Question no 26 to 30 are long answer type questions. Answer these questions in about 100 words each.

26. In what ways was the administration of the Company different from that of Indian rulers?

27. Describe the changes that occurred in the composition of the Company’s army.

28. Mention the steps taken by the British to develop a uniform military culture in India.

29. Describe the reasons that created conflicts between Tipu sultan and the Company.

30. Describe the reasons that led to the battle of Plassey.

IV: **Creative Assignment:**

31. Imagine yourself as a British official in India during 18th century. Write a letter home to your mother who stays in Britain telling her about the luxurious life and contrasting it with your earlier life in Britain.